

**AGENDA FOR THE 26TH MEETING OF THE
ASIAN REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (ASRWG)**

05 September 2019, 09:00-11:00 hours (Session I) and 11:15-13:15 hours (Session II)
Bali, Indonesia

Presented by the Chairman

Year of Establishment: 1996

Mandate: The general objective of the Asian Regional Working Group is to focus on common topics and issues and to enhance the transfer of appropriate technology in irrigation and drainage to and from the Asian Region. The mission of ASRWG is to encourage membership and to coordinate activities in the region.

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ASRWG Agenda Item 1: Action taken report by Chair¹

1. The Chair will present the report on the actions taken on the decisions and proposals of the working group at its last meeting held at Saskatoon in August 2018.
2. ICID Central Office vide e-mail of 19 November 2018 to all Chairs/ Vice Chairs/ Secretaries suggested to make full use of web-ex platform for virtual meeting so as to ensure regular contribution from the WG members as well as discuss and initiate follow-up actions emerging from the minutes of the previous WG meeting and review the progress of the action points. In order to organize the WebEx Meetings, Webinars and e-Discussions, Chair of the workbodies were requested to send the 'Expression of Interest' to initiate the processes. The last virtual meeting to discuss Draft Project Report on ISU was held on 17 April 2018.

SUPP: Malaysian National Committee (MANCID) has nominated Ir. Hj. Ahmad bin Darus for the membership of the WG.

3. During Saskatoon meeting (2018), participant from the Philippines showed intention to join the WG. Accordingly, ICID Central Office has followed-up with the National Committee of Philippine to nominate a professional for the membership of the WG. However, response is awaited. Chair in consultation with Vice Chair, Secretary of the WG and the Central Office have updated the membership of the WG as given at **Annex 1** (*refer electronic version for latest list*). New nominations, if any, for the membership received will be dealt suitably after the meeting. Meanwhile, from BANCID, IRQCID, KAZCID and AFGICID has been requested to send nomination for our group.

ASRWG Agenda Item 2: Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 – Status of activities in Asian region

4. During the Saskatoon meeting (2018), Chair reviewed the activities of the WG listed in the action plan of the WG towards Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 (refer **Annex 2**). The group discussed the Road Map to ICID Vision 2030 and Chair provided latest updates including the new activity to promote the Technical Support Program (TSP) among Asian NCs. ICID CO has followed-up with the members and requested them to take actions to achieve milestones decided by the WG in the action plan. WG was also requested to consult with other working groups so as to avoid duplication of the activities and getting their support to achieve intended outcome/ outputs of the WG. WG Chair and members will provide updates on actions initiated to achieve milestones as per agreed Action Plan during the meeting and further update the Action plan. The latest update including the new activity to promote the Technical Support Program (TSP) among Asian Nc's.

ASRWG Agenda Item 3: Linkages with Regional and Transnational Organizations for Cooperation

5. The ICID Central Office has followed-up with "CTCID and INACID", "CTCID and MANCID", "INACID and MANCID" and requested them to provide status of mutual cooperation. In response to ICID Central Office's request, Chinese Taipei Committee (CTCID) has informed that in 2018, CTCID signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indonesian National Committee (INACID) in August 2018 during Canada event to accelerate the cooperation in the field of technical cooperation, human resource development and knowledge management in agriculture and rural development.

6. After MOU, KCID & CTCID in 2017 and CTCID and INACID in 2018, in May 2019, CTCID has informed that another MoU will be signed with MANCID during Bali event in September 2019. Further, in 2019, CTCID also desires

¹ This will also include details of membership of WG as **Annex**

to extend its communication and interaction with countries in the region and also organize an international forum within CTCID, PNC-ICID and THAICID in October 2019. Representative from CTCID, PNC-ICID, MANCID, INACID, THAICID and other NCs may provide further updates at the meeting. May CTCID to apprise the WG about this coming event of October 2019.

ASRWG Agenda Item 4: Developing cooperative arrangements with International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and International Network of Water Environment and Paddy Fields (INWEPF)

7. The PAWEES-INWEPF International Conference 2018 was organized from 20-22 November 2018 in Nara city, Nara prefecture, Japan. The conference was jointly organized by the International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) and the International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) in collaboration with the ICID's Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG). During the conference, the Japanese National Committee of ICID (JNCID), in close cooperation with ASRWG, organized the ICID-PAWEES-INWEPF collaborative workshop to strengthen the partnership between PAWEES and INWEPF and to further contribute to the development of sustainable agriculture in Asia. The workshop provided a great opportunity for stimulating discussions as well as promoted better communication and partnership among ICID, PAWEES and INWEPF. Dr. Yohei Sato (Chair-JNCID) stressed on the significance of strengthening the collaboration among the three organizations. During the presentation session, Dr. Maher Salman (Senior Land and Water Officer, FAO), VPH Dr. Karim Shiati and VP Naoki Hayashida shared their views and experiences in the context of SDGs including role of water in agricultural development, challenges in irrigated agriculture in Asia, innovative/advanced irrigation and drainage technology including other ASRWG activities. During the conference, all 552 participants, including researchers, policy makers, engineers and private sectors from 21 countries and regions including 4 international organizations deliberated on issues related to paddy farming highlighting water use, water management and water environment under the joint theme "Promoting sustainable paddy farming to achieve the SDGs".

8. VP Dr. Marco Arcieri, Secretary General (ITAL-ICID) was invited as a speaker and gave a presentation on "Rice cultivation in Italy under the threat of climate change. A joint meeting was also organized to deliberate the mutual cooperation among PAWEES-INWEPF, ICID, as well as other international organizations such as FAO. Representative from PAWEES/ INWEPF may provide further updates about future cooperation at the meeting. It has been decided that the next PAWEES/INWEPF joint International Conference will be held in South Korea in November 2019 where the ASRWG will further strengthen partnership through cooperation for next conference.

9. VPH Karim Shiati, VP Naoki Hayashida, Dr. Maher Salman, FAO and VP Dr. Marco Arcieri may provide their feedback during the meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 5: Capacity development programme for Young Professionals from Asian region, April 2019, Republic of Korea

10. ICID in association with the Korean National Committee (KCID) and the Chinese National Committee (CNCID), organized a five-day International Young Professionals Training Programme to hone the skills of the budding young professionals on the theme "Climate Resilient Smart Irrigation Systems" from 22-26 April 2019 in Republic of South Korea. The International YP training program was attended by 34 participants from 17 countries namely, Afghanistan, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Italy, Korea (Republic of), Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, USA and Zambia -- mainly focused on building resilient irrigation systems around the world in the face of climate change, how these systems may be implemented in different biophysical environments and the advanced technologies that are currently in practice. The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Mr. Kim In Sik, Chairman, Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (KCID) and CEO, Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC) who gave a brief introduction about ICID and its endeavour to promote capacity development program to attract young minds to agricultural water management sector by organizing training programs for YPs internationally.

11. As part of the training, KCID conducted a survey with five questions to find the goals, vision and challenges in the agricultural sector from Young Professionals from around the world. The questions were discussed in detail during an interactive session steered by Dr. Marco Arcieri, VPICID and Secretary General ITAL-ICID on 24 April 2019. Besides, all the YPs provided a detailed write-up of their country profile on the current status of technology usage in the irrigation sector, prior to the training program. The training programme also included a one-day technical tour (25 April 2019) to nearby dams and irrigation systems to understand practical aspects of operational performance of irrigation systems in addition to classroom lectures and demonstrations. The training program was followed by an international expert consultation workshop on "Irrigation Technologies to Mitigate Climate Change" (26 April 2019) that provided an opportunity to the young professionals (YPs) to have a broader and in-depth exposure to emerging irrigation technologies and management scenarios considering the urgent need for a sustainable climate change-resilient agriculture sector. Representative from KCID and CNCID will provide further updates at the meeting.

ASRWG Agenda Item 6: The 8th Asia Regional Conference (ARC) on the theme "Irrigation in Support of an Evergreen Revolution was successfully organized and succeeded on May 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal

12. Mr. Bashu Dev Lohani from NENCID may apprise the Working Group about the event and also upload the proceedings on the website.

ASRWG Agenda Item 7: Supporting Event 6 (SE 6) by JNCID with WIF3

13. Supporting event by JNCID in cooperation with ASRWG with the title "Development for water, food and nutrition in Asia" will be organized on 2 September at Bali during Third World Irrigation Forum (WIF3).

14. ASRWG and INWEPF act as co-organizers of this event. Mr. Mitsuo Ishijima will apprise the WG about this important event at the meeting.



NOTES FOR CHAIRPERSON:

1. Draft minutes of this meeting to be submitted to ICID Secretariat at Bali, Indonesia after the meeting.
2. Chair to participate and present the WG report to PCSO meeting on 5 September 2019.

Annex 1 [Appendix V, Item 1]

A. Membership of Asian Regional Working Group (ASRWG)

Sl. No.	Countries (Year of joining)	Present representatives (Year of Joining)	Remarks
1.	Iran (1955)	VPH Karim Shiati, Chairman, 2006 (1997)	Attended meetings in 2016 & 2017 and contributed
2.	India (1950)	Dr.Vijay K Labhsetwar (2018)	Attended meeting in 2018
3.	India (1950)	Dr. Rajinder Kumar Gupta -Direct Member (WAPCOS) (2014)	Contributed an abstract for internal workshop in 2015
4.	Indonesia (1950)	Dr. Mochammad Amron (2015)	Attended meetings in 2016, 2017 and 2018
5.	Thailand (1950)	Mr. Arthon Suttigarn (2012)	Attended meetings 2015 ,2016 and 2018
6.	Japan (1951)	VP Naoki Hayashida (2014)	Attended meetings in 2016 , 2017 and 2018
7.	Turkey (1954)	Dr. Aynur Fayrap (2012)	Attended meeting 2015 and represented in 2016
8.	Malaysia (1958)	Ir. Syed Abdul Hamid bin Syed Shuib (2013)	Represented MANCID in 2016 , 2017 and 2018
9.	Sri Lanka (1950)	Eng. W.B. Palugaswewa (2016)	---
10.	Australia (1952)	Mr. Stephen Mills (2015)	Attended in 2016
11.	Pakistan (1953)	Mr. Ahmed Kamal (2017)	Represented by PANCID in 2017
12.	Philippines (1956)	Representative from PNC-ICID	PNC-ICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
13.	Myanmar (1962)	Dr. (Ms.) Mu Mu Than (2017)	Attended in 2017
14.	China (1963)	Mr. Wang Aiguo (2016)	Attended meetings in 2016 ,2017 and 2018
15.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr.Ray-Shyan Wu (2018)	Attended meeting in 2018
16.	Chinese Taipei (1969)	Dr. Gwo-Hsing Yu (2015)	Attended meeting in 2016 and represented in 2017
17.	Korea, Rep. of (1970)	Prof. (Ms.) Kyung Sook Choi (2015)	Attended meeting in 2017 and contributed in 2016 , 2017 and 2018
18.	Korea, Rep. of (1970)	Ms. Jeong Min, Ryu – Young Professional (2017)	Attended meeting in 2017
19.	Nepal (1973)	Mr. Bashu Dev Lohanee (2017)	Represented by NENCID in 2017 and attended meeting in 2018
20.	Bangladesh (1973)	Representative from BANCID	BANCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
21.	Uzbekistan (1994)	Mr. Ilkhom Juraev (2015)	Contributed in 2016
22.	Tajikistan (1997)	Mr. Dilshod Kimsanov (2018)	Attended meeting in 2018
23.	Iraq (2006)	Representative from IRQCID	IRQCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
24.	Kazakhstan (2006)	Representative from KAZCID	KAZCID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
25.	Afghanistan (2017)	Representative from AFGICID	AFGICID has been requested to send nomination for the Group
26.	Vietnam (2018)	Dr. Dao Trong Tu (2018)	---

B. New nomination received from the National Committee

No.	Name	Country	Remarks
1.	Ir. Hj. Ahmad bin Darus	Malaysia	Recommended as member, subject to his presence else provisional member



ROAD MAP TO ICID VISION 2030 – ACTIVITIES OF WORK BODIES

Goals/ Strategies	Activities	Outcomes/ Outputs	Milestone for Year 2017	Milestone for Year 2018	Milestone for Year 2019	Milestone for Year 2020	Milestone for Year 2021
Goal C: Facilitate exchange of information, knowledge and technology							
C3. Strategy: Promoting Regional Cooperation	3.5 Enhance Linkages between National Committees for International Cooperation	Technical Report					
	3.6 Broaden relationship and mutual understanding and cooperation between NCs from developing countries and developed countries	Collaboration/ MoU	Exchange visits/ training between TUCID and IRNCID MoU between IRNCID and KCID				
	3.7 International conference/ workshop/ seminar	Compilation of proceedings		8 th Asian Regional Conference , May 2018, Nepal	International forum in Oct 2019		
C4. Strategy: Compile, Collate and Share Knowledge and Experiences	4.4 Special joint Publication on Agricultural Water Management for Sustainable Rural Development	Side Event with AARDO	Special Issue of AARDO Journal				
	4.21 Report on “Contribution of Agricultural Water to the Rural Development in Asia”	Technical Report	Publish the Technical Report based on workshops/ Side Event	Formal release of the Report at 8 th ARC.	Promote the Technical Support Program (TSP) among Asia NC’s		
GOAL D: Enable Cross Disciplinary and Inter-Sectoral Engagement							
D3. Strategy: Facilitate Development of Inter-sectoral Platforms Involving NCs	3.1 Developing inter-sectoral engagement			Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG	Collaboration between PAWEES and ASRWG		

(Source: Consultative Group (CG) Report: A Water Secure World Free of Poverty & Hunger: A Road Map to ICID Vision 2030)

